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1958 Lancaster Farming Year-End Report

Striking a clear note to round out 1958 Lancaster Farming, we have asked a number of county farm leaders, technical advisors and outstanding farmers to summarize in their own words the results of 1958 and what they look for in 1959.

One of the first things the reader will note in the following statements is the constant brevity of 1958 summaries and the concentration on the future It as though to say, "The past is over and done with, let's look to next year and what it may bring and — What we may offer it."

Here then is our year's-end analysis of Lancaster Farming.

Henry Hackman

If the farmer had steers in 1958, he was on the right side of the fence

1959 will not bring much improvement. Agriculture might hold its own but in many areas it may drop.

Amos H. Funk
Conservation District Chrm.

"The watershed meetings with their attendance and the interest of farmers in organizing them mark a point when other folks start to help our Soil Conservation District directors in getting the job of conservation done.

The watershed system helps to concentrate conservation efforts in one small region rather than covering the entire county all at one time. We hope the growing interest among our Amish farmers will continue and we certainly welcome all farmers in the county as cooperators.

The Conestoga Valley Association has aided in promoting interest of non-farmers in conservation. With a possibility of a future water shortage in the country, industry and service clubs are getting more interested.

In 1959, as a result of our work this year, more watershed meetings may be expected to result in the highest number of district cooperators ever. Conestoga Valley Association may be expected to have its highest membership.

ffiEspecially -important, the various service clubs could lend a great deal of assistance.

Max Smith

The big news was the contrast in '57 and '58 growing seasons. I would say this year had an ideal growing season. March snow gave us ground water needed to carry our crops.

For '59 I don't expect any great change for county farming. I'd like to see more attention to building up more soil organic matter. We could benefit by more pasture fertilization, using more nitrogen on straight grasses and complete fertilizer on grass-legume mixtures.

Willis Esbenshade

The Lancaster County farmer enjoyed one of the best years ever in 1958. But he must still increase efficiency and he must adjust to the narrow margin for what he gets for what it costs to produce it.

For 1959, I look for the price of dairy feed to be higher than the past year, with milk prices about the same. The dairyman must use DHIA tests and cull his herd.

Poultry feed likewise will be up and egg and broiler prices down. Broilers much lower.

Adoption of new methods is a must Some to consider are:

Spraying of tobacco for suckers, to reduce labor costs.

Taking advantage of early order discounts in buying supplies and machinery.

Testing soil to make sure what fertilizer buy is right.

Wayne B. Rentschler

The farmer who planned and managed his program, continued to get ahead. For 1959, we should stress even better management for greater economy.

Martin W. Muth

I was very well pleased with the increased interest in conservation, especially in water conservation.

This watershed approach will probably be developed more in the coming year. As a government service we feel this is a real approach.

John E. Melhorn

For me as an egg producer, 1958 brought the start of a large-scale, state-wide egg marketing cooperative federation by the five major state marketing co-ops. This offers more sure and profitable outlets, state-wide quality control and uniform prices, and promotion of a trade-mark

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Turn to pages 8 and 9 to see how a good farm shop pays.

Farm Calendar

Jan. 5—7:30 p.m. Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting. Conestoga Farm Supply, Quarryville.

Jan. 6 or 7—County Tobacco Show, full details later.

Jan. 7—7:30 p m, 4-H Electric Club meeting, PP&L Building, Lancaster, first of eight regular meetings.

Jan. 8—7:30 p m, Northern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor club, 1959 organization meeting. Landis Bros. Farm Equipment store, Manheim pike.

Jan. 21—Vegetable Growers Field Day, Guernsey Pavilion.

Jan. 31—Producers • Livestock Cooperative annual meeting.

Feb 6—4-H Baby Beef Club Annual Banquet.

Feb. 12—County Extension Assoc. Annual Banquet, Hostetter's, Mt Joy.

Feb 18—Farm Bureau Annual Banquet.

Feb 19—SPABC Annual Meeting, 7 30 p m.

Feb 21—Annual Bred gilt sale.

March 3—Market Hog Show

March 11—Dairy Day.

March 19—Swine Producers Assoc annual banquet.

Ranck Herd Tops County

The Red Rose D.H.I.A. September testing results were reported today by the association. The two highest 305 day lactations were completed by Registered Holsteins, both owned by Parke H. Ranck, Ronks R D 1

First was "Maggie" with the record of 18,521 lbs. of milk and 819 lbs. of butterfat. Second was "Joyce 2", with the record of 19,894 lbs. of milk and 809 lbs. of butter fat.

Two herds tied for first place among the monthly herd averages. They were the herd of Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg RD1, with an average of 1072 lbs. of milk and 46 lbs of butterfat and the herd of Paul S. Wyble, New Holland RD #2, with an average of 1295 lbs. of milk and 46 lbs of butterfat.

Two herds also tied for second place. They were the herds of J. Lester Charles, Landisville, with an average of 1246 lbs. milk and 45 lbs. of butterfat and the herd of Willis M. Groff, New Providence RD1, with an average of 861 lbs. of milk and 45 lbs of butterfat.

Masonic Farm Herd Completes 32nd Test

The purebred dairy herd of Masonic Homes Farms, Elizabethtown, Penn. has recently completed its 32nd year of Ayshire Herd Testing with 105 cows making an average of 9,592 pounds of milk and 412 pounds of butterfat on twice-a-day milking, actual production.

Masonic Homes Mary Bell was high milk producer in the herd with 14,540 pounds of milk and 538 pounds of butterfat.

The announcement was made by the National Ayrshire Breeders' Association. The Ayrshire breed holds the record for having the highest percentage of its cows enrolled in HIR testing.

4-H Crop Meet Tuesday

The Lancaster County 4-H tobacco and corn roundup will be Tuesday afternoon at the Bayuk Cigar company warehouse, 850 N. Water Street, Lancaster, Winthrop Merriam, assistant county agent reports.

All exhibits must be in position by 1 p. m. on the exhibit day. Corn exhibits will consist of 10 ears of the hybrid club members selected for 1958 projects. Yields will be reported in pounds and exhibits will be accompanied by completed records of the project, Merriam said.

For tobacco club members to qualify for ribbons and prizes, they must turn in completed records and exhibit two hands of tobacco—a hand being 15 leaves tied with another leaf. One hand is to be Wrapped B's and the other Filler B's.

Tobacco exhibits will be retained following the county show for entry in the Farm Show. Merriam added that record books for all exhibit projects must be in the county agents office not later than today (Saturday)

State Crop Round-Up

Stocks of potatoes in the hands of state growers and local dealers on Dec. 1, were estimated at 5,300,000 cwt. or 36 per cent above last year. Stocks on hand were for all purposes 68 per cent of production, slightly below the average.

In the U S total storage stocks on Dec 1 were 128 3 million cwt, largest since the 129 3 million cwt in storage on Dec 1, 1950 This year's holdings were 18 per cent above the 108.4 million cwt held last year and 19 per cent above the 49 - 57 average of 108.1.

Indicated placement of pullet chicks for U. S. broiler

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At Lancaster Yards

Cattle Steady to Strong

James E. O'Hara,
In Charge, Market News Branch

WEEKLY REVIEW
DEC 24, 1958

Receipts to Date. Cattle 1600, Calves 450, Hogs 550, Sheep 175.

CATTLE. Supply about 40 per cent slaughter steers, 45 per cent stockers and feeders and five per cent cows. Trading moderately active after slow start. Slaughter steers steady to 25 higher. Cows steady to 25 higher. Bulls & stockers and feeders steady.

The bulk of the Choice 950-1200 lb slaughter steers 27 50-28 00, few lots 929 - 1117 lb average - high Choice 28.25-28.75. Quality not as good as in past weeks Good to low Choice 24 50-27-26, loads and lots high Good to average Choice 1200 - 1500 lb 25.50 - 26 75

Utility and Commercial bulls 22 75 - 26 00, Good grade fed bulls 26 00 - 28 00. Cutter and Utility cows 16 - 25 - 20.50, few Commercial at 20 50 - 21 50 Canners and low Cutters 15 00 - 16 25 Good and Choice 800 - 1050 lb. feeder steers 25 50 - 28.00 load average high Choice 900 lb 28 40 Medium and Good 24 00 - 26 00. Good and Choice 550-800 lb stock steers 27 00-30 00, load Choice 507 lb 33 25, Medium and Good 25 00 - 27 25 Good and Choice stock calves 29.-00 - 33 00, several lots and loads high Choice 430 - 470 lb 33 50 - 34 25

CALVES. Trading moderately active Vealers steady to 1 00 lower, spots off more Standard and lower grades taking full decline Good and Choice vealers 30 00 - 36 00, high Choice and Prime 36 00-40 00, few up to 41 00 Standard and low Good 24 00 - 30 00, Utility down to 18 00

HOGS Trading active Barrows and gilts 25 higher than last Wednesday Some scarce and steady U S 1-3 grade 180-210 lb. barrows and gilts 20.50 - 21 50, uniform 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. including 1-2 grade, 21.50 - 22 50. 300-600 lb. sows 14.-00 - 18 00.

SHEEP. Wooled slaughter lambs about 50 lower. Good and Choice slaughter lambs 21.75 - 23.00, few lots 85-100 lb. at 23.25 - 23 50. Utility and low Good 18 75 - 21.75.

Milk Production Rises Slowly

Philadelphia, Dec 24—

Fluid Milk. Production increased but at a reduced rate compared with last year. Buying interest was good and generally as expected for the holiday Offerings were adequate with wholesale selling prices at New York $5.65 - $5 85 per 40 qt unit.

Fluid Cream Bottling demand was good, but with most requirements filled for holiday usage, excess was being diverted to manufacturing channels Ice cream sales continued about as expected for the season with many plants closed, especially in the S. E. Penna area Purchases of cream through these outlets was very light.

In N. Y. wholesale selling prices per 40 qt unit 40 per cent butterfat held unchanged at $35.00 S. E. Penna prices were generally unchanged except on carlots where actual sales were limited and current selling prices were unchanged to 55 cents higher

S. E. Penna open market selling prices were unchanged to 55 cents higher. S E Penna. open market selling prices 40 qt unit - 40 per cent butterfat, (Pa and N J approved) car or trucklot, (min 200 cans) $25 80 - $26 75 L CL (min 50 cans) $26.25 - 27.50

At New Holland

Very Slow

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New Holland this week had a shortened Holiday week with only two markets, the horse and mule and dairy.

Wednesday's dairy market was generally on the slow side, due primarily to Christmas. Feature of the sale was a load of Wisconsin Holsteins Those fresh cows averaged $446, although even here the bidding was very slow on a typical holiday sale Total receipts were 100 cows.

The bulk Fresh Holstein cows sold for $400 to 495. Fresh Guernsey cows brought $250 - 310, and other breeds $250 - 300

Monday's horse and mule sale also rated as a typically slow holiday market on all classes. Receipts totaled 128 head

Mules sold for $65 to 90. Pony colts went at $70 to 90 and pony mares brought $135 to 275

Riding horses ranged from $70 to 120, with driving horses going at $65 to 180

Heavy killers were $90 to 115 and thin kinds, $40 to 90

Dried Milk OK'd For Foreign Welfare

The U. S Department of Agriculture has announced that offers have been requested to supply approximately 63,306,900 pounds of nonfat dry milk for foreign donation under the USDA and International Cooperation Administration program

Of the 63 3 million pounds approximately 6 0 million pounds will be for donation to U S private welfare organizations for free distribution abroad. The remaining 3,306,900 pounds will be for export use in Italy under an ICA P L 480 (Title II) program

Nonfat dry milk will be packed in 4½ pound bags and cartons and in No 10 tins in export shipping cases

Milk for the USDA foreign donation program will be delivered during the Dec 15, 1958 - March 13, 1959 period For the ICA Italian program, the nonfat dry milk is to be delivered as soon as possible

At Chicago

Slaughter Prices Advance

USDA MARKET
NEWS SERVICE

WEEKLY REVIEW.
CHICAGO, Dec 24—

CATTLE—Receipts 25 per cent smaller than the first three days last week but 20 per cent greater than a year ago when Christmas came on Wednesday.

Around 75 per cent slaughter steers, 15 per cent heifers and six per cent cows Slaughter steers advanced mostly 50 cents to $1 50 compared last weeks low close, except few loads weighty steers scaling 1450 - 1650 lbs only steady.

Heifers steady to 1 00 higher, least change on kinds grading good and below, most upturn on choice and prime 950 lbs down.

Cows and bulls 50 - 75 cents higher Vealers steady to strong. Stockers and feeders strong to 50 cents higher Half dozen or so loads prime 1075 - 1200 lb slaughter steers late, $30 and 30 25. Latter price for two loads 1087 lb slaughter steers, highest in about six months Late bulk choice and prime steers 1300 lbs down $27 - 29 50

Choice and prime 1300 - 1600 lb. steers late mainly $25 50 - 28 50 Good grades $23.50 - 28, according to weight Good 900 lb. steers Wednesday were $28, when choice under 1100 lb. steers reach $29. Good 1450 - 1650 lb steers $23 50 - 24 00 Loadlots mixed-choice and prime heifers $28 25 - 28 50. Good and choice $25 50 - 28, mostly $26 00 up.

Few loads standard heifers $24 - 25. Few standard cows $20.50 - 22 50 Utility and commercial cows $17 - 20, mostly $17 50 up late Late bulk canners and cutters $15 50 - 18 50

Utility and commercial bulls closed at $23 - 25 50 Vealers $32 00 down, culls as low as $15 00 Two loads choice 895 lb feeding steers $28 75 These partly fattened and grading low choice from a slaughter standpoint Few loads good and low-choice 900 - 975 lb feeding steers $25 75 - 26 50 Good 750 lb stockers $26 Few medium 600 - 800 lb weights $23.00-25 00

'58 Pig Crop 8% Over '57

WASH, Dec 23—The USDA announced today the 1958 pig crop totaled 94 8 million head, eight per cent larger than the 1957 crop of 88 million head, according to the crop reporting board

The spring pig crop, at 52 3 million head was up one per cent and the fall crop of 42 5 million head was 17 per cent larger than last year, and the largest fall crop since 1943 The fall crop increase resulted from a 16 per cent increase in the number of sows farrowing and a small increase in pigs saved per litter

For the 1959 spring pig crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 8,317,000 sows to farrow, 12 per cent more than the number farrowing last spring

If these intentions materialize and the number of pigs per litter equals the 10-year average with allowance for upward trend, the 1959 spring crop would be 59 million head A crop of this size would be 13 per cent above last spring and the largest since 1951.

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At Delmarva - Georgia

Light Markets Hold Firm

Due to the Holiday closing of USDA Agricultural Market News Services offices for Thursday and Friday of this week, the Delmarva - Georgia market report will cover the period, Monday through Wednesday.

Monday's Delmarva market opened steady, with offerings considerably reduced from comparable days in recent weeks. Buyers were very selective for quality and size desired. Tuesday's trading was very light and the market quiet. The Wednesday market was firm, offerings continued lighter than for past weeks. Demand was improved but buyers were very selective for size and quality desired and processors were beginning to charge back condemned loss.

The short week's volume: Monday— 545,700 at 13 20-16.60; Tuesday— 204,900 at 15½ - 16; Wednesday— 504, 700 at 11 40 - 17.70, mostly 15 and up.

Georgia's broiler market opened with demand irregular, only fair at some points, and quiet at others as several plants were not operating. Offerings were not heavy, though generally adequate for needs The situation continued through Tuesday and Wednesday with very light trading at all points.

The week's volume. Monday—At farm, 466.000 at 14-15, 84 per cent at 14; FOB plants 171,500 at 15 Tuesday at farm, 420,700, 86 per cent at 14, FOB plants, 94,900 at 15.

U.S. Meat Output Drops

Meat production under federal inspection for the wek ended December 20, 1958 was estimated at 394 million pounds according to the U. S.D A. This was six per cent below the 420 million lbs. a wek ago, but the same as a year ago

Total meat production was below the previous week, which has been the normal pattern during most past years for the week preceding Christmas. Veal was the only beef class to shof a production increase for the week, when compared with a year ago, with an increase in pork production bringing total meat output on a par with a year earlier, even though production of other classes decreased.

Cattle slaughter, estimated at 318,000 head, was eight per cent below the preceding week and eight per cent below the 346,000 head for a year ago Beef production was 188 6 million lbs compared with 208 4 million lbs. the preceding week and 192-1 million lbs a year ago.

Calf slaughter was estimated at 112,000 head compared with 106,000 the preceding week and 145,000 last year. Output of inspected veal for the three weeks under comparisans was 11 6, 11 1 and 14 9 million lbs respectively.

Estimated slaughter of 1,-320,000 hogs was three per cent -below the previous week's 1,358,000, but slightly above the 1,319,000 a year ago Pork production was 184 3 million lbs compared with 188 9 million a week earlier and 177 2 lbs a year ago

Sheep and lamb was estimated at 201,000 compared with 251,000 the preceding week and 209,000 last year. Production of lamb and mutton for the three weeks amounted to 9 6, 11 8 and 10 0 million lbs respectively.

For the week ended December 6, 1958, actual slaughter included 352,001 cattle, 118,014 calves, 1,381,115 hogs and 260,469 sheep and lambs

Feed Market Still Climbs

Washington, Dec. 23— USDA Weekly Feed Market Report:

Feedstuff markets continued to rise and prices averaged $1.55 per ton higher during the week ended December 22, the USDA reported th's week

Trading was unusually active for this time of year. Demand remained exceptionally strong, reflecting good movement of formula feeds Spot supplies of many ingredients tightened, with veg etable and animal proteins particularly hard to locate

The wholesale feedstuff price index reached the h'gh est point since August 1954 At 93.7 this week, it was 2 2 points above a week earlier and 21 points above a year ago. The feed grain index declined to 64 1 this week as against 64 4 last week and 62 6 last year. The hog-corn ratio, based on Chicago prices, was 15 7 compared with 15 3 last week and 16 4 a year earlier.

Spot offerings of oilseed meals were very limited and fell short of satisfying strong current demand Prices averaged $2 15 per ton higher on soybean meal. $1 50 higher on cottonseed meal and $3.60 higher on linseed meal. Copra meal held firm, while peanut meal went up $1 35.

Meat proteins continued to advance in the face of increased buyer resistance Although buying was limited to immediate needs, demand was still good and producers were well sold Advances averaged around $2 80 per ton on meat meal $3 60 on tankage and $2 50 on fish meal

Demand for wheat millfeeds slackened despite relatively light supplies. Mills were not pressed for sales even through outlets to some

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Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From December 22nd to Friday, December 26th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nearby Whites					
Extra Fcy Hywts	47 -	47 -	47 -		47 -
Medium	37 -	37 -	37 -		37 -
Pullets	30½-31	30½-31	30½-31		30½-31
Pewees	23 -24	23 -24	23 -24		23 -24
Nearby Browns					
Extra Fcy Hywts	47 -	47 -	47 -		47 -
Medium	36½-37	36½-37	36½-37		36½-37
Pullets	30½-31	30½-31	30½-31		30½-31
Pewees	23 -24	23 -24	23 -24		23 -24
Midwestern Mixed					
Fcy Hywts	42- -	42 --	42 -		42 -
Medium	33½-	33½-	33½-		33½-
Pullets	30½-31	30½-31	30½-31		30½-31
Standards	39 -39½	39 -39½	39 -39½		39 -39½
Checks	37 -	37 -	37 -		37 -
Midwestern Whites					
Fcy Hywts	44½-	44½-	44½-		44½-
Medium	33½-34	33½-34	33½-34		33½-34
Pullets	30½-31	30½-31	30½-31		30½-31
Midwestern Browns					
Fcy Hywts	43 -	43 -	43 -		43 -

TREND—Shell egg market this week very firm with a light absorption of supplies and prices very fully supported

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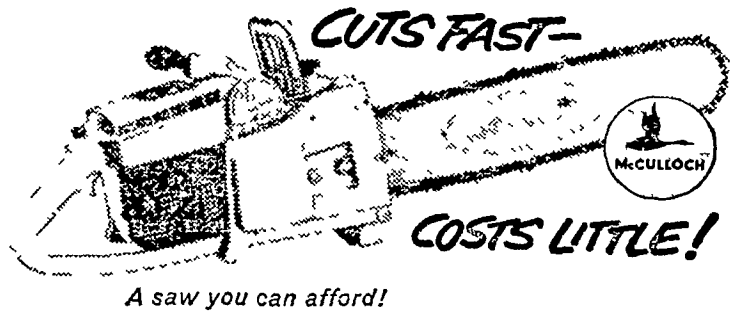

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Editorial - - -

Sitting in on the December meeting of Lancaster County Soil Conservation District's board of directors this week, we had an unusual opportunity to again witness the distinctive dedication and mutual respect which exists among ardent conservationists.

Following the regular business meeting, "County Conservation Commissioner" Charles Pierce, who served the board as temporary chairman for their elections, digressed from regular actions for a moment to pay tribute to long-time board chairman, Amos Funk. He recalled the years of effort the Millersville farmer has devoted to conservation work and his quiet, natural skill in conducting district affairs.

Funk in turn, upon returning to the "chair", dismissed the compliments paid him as definitely unfounded and turned the light of recognition upon Pierce. He pointed out that it was upon "Charlie's" arrival on the board of county commissioners that the Soil District appropriation from this board was increased from $85 to $500 annually.

Pierce replied that he felt the previous allowance from the commissioner's had been for a "short-pants" organization and the district was deserving of better.

At any rate, the quiet, sincere appraisals of the district's various officers continued for several minutes, including particularly, as we recall, Wayne B. Rentschler, secretary-treasurer of the district board since organization in 1950 — and Henry Hackman, vice-chairman of the district and President of the Pennsylvania Soil District Directors' association.

What was said is not of particular import at the moment.

The important thing is the feeling of mutual regard which prevailed. It is an atmosphere common where dedicated, practical conservationists gather.

This is because "practical" conservationists are concerned with the future of mankind, of civilization and of the vital natural resources necessary to their existance. Theirs is the goal of maintaining, even improving the soil and water resources of this earth.

The practical conservationist is not opposed to change. He often is directly concerned with development. BUT, orderly, thrifty development of resources which cannot be replaced.

Nature requires 100 years to build one inch of topsoil A pasture fire, heavy rainstorm or windstorm can remove that century of building overnight.

A careful farmer can take virgin soil and actually improve its crop producing abilities, and even with care increase the topsoil depth over a period of time.

The men who candidly discussed each others work in conservation Tuesday evening at the courthouse know all these things. In their self-sacrificing work, there can be little conflict over goals or methods. The goal is to save every possible particle of soil and raindrop within the confines of Lancaster County.

We have heard SCD directors termed the "most important body of men in any and all rural counties of the United States." Another person terms the district boards and their co-workers, "Men who thought deeds as well as ideology practice the highest form of Christmas principals and devotion to the soil. Men who daily earn the highest respect of their fellow Americans and the entire brotherhood of man."

During meetings of SCD directors across the nation, we have witnessed this respect as given by one board member to others, almost without exception.

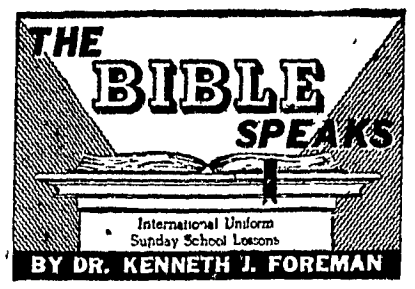
Again, rarely are the individuals involved conscious of deserving any personal recognition for their work. Each insists that others are doing much more for the "cause" and besides, the important thing is the work itself and success in it — not the indivdual workers.

Certainly these attitudes are most commendable—and typical of the self-effacing approach of the "practical" conservationist.

Certainly the goal of conservation farming on every acre of Lancaster County farmland; Concervation as applied for crops, pasture and woodland; Conservation to prevent flooding, erosion and loss of beneficial wildlife are worthy of maximum efforts of every farmer.

May we suggest as Number One resolution for 1959:

Sharing of efforts to conserve and improve those resources which have earned the Garden Spot title for Lancaster County and surrounding areas. Encouragement of others to pause in their routine long enough to evaluate the need for conservation and the role they might play. Preparation to take a greater part in 1960.



Bible Material: Mark 8 27—9 1.
Devotional Reading: Acts 2 29-36.

Is Jesus Lord?

Lesson for December 28, 1958

ONE SUMMER day at a resort town then called Caesarea Philippi, the great words were spoken. It was a turning point in the history of Jesus; it was a central point in the history of the world. A small group of obscure men were asked a simple question by their leader, then almost as obscure as they were. **"Who do you say that I am?"** An odd question, at first hearing. Who should he be, who could he be, but what he was? Jesus was his name, a village called Nazareth once his home, more recently Capernaum. His occupation? Teacher, preacher, healer. A friend (it was said) of the lowest classes; at any rate he always seemed to have time for them.

Dr. Foreman

"You Are the Christ"

These shabbily dressed friends of his, remember had never been to a Christian church in their lives. None then existed. They had never heard or sung a hymn to Christ, never heard a benediction in his name. They had not even heard the expression "Jesus Christ." Humanly speaking, they had no help in their answer. Humanly speaking, they could only have said,—"Who are you? Why, Jesus, of course, our friend and teacher, yes a prophet!"

But one of those men spoke with more than human insight that day. **"You are the Christ,"** he said. A simple sentence; but so profound, so filled with meaning that Peter himself did not then fully realize what he was saying, and all the volumes that have been written about it cannot say the last word. For those were the words on which the Christian church is built. Those are the words which are the key to the future of mankind. That "confession" or affirmation of the fisherman Simon Peter contains in germ the Christian creed: it sets Jesus apart as unique in the human race; it proclaims him King of kings and Lord of all.

Is Jesus Lord?

"Christ" and "Lord" are very high titles for Jesus. Jesus himself knew that some people spoke and would speak of him in this way without meaning a word of it. He made somewhat bitter fun of people who would come around calling him "Lord, Lord," but never listened to what he taught and never did what he said to do. And that illustrates a curious point about the proposition "Jesus is the Christ" or "Jesus is Lord,"—they mean about the same thing—namely that in a sense they are true, in a sense not true. It is true that Jesus is Lord by right, by Gods design and destiny. It is true that he will reign. But is it true that he does reign? He is the Lord by right; but are his wishes respected, his commands obeyed, is he welcome in his own realm?

How the World Moves

At this time of the year, it is good to ask the old question. Is the world growing better or worse? Such a question cannot be answered unless there is some kind of a standard, some point of reference. The world may be growing more to suit you, or less so; that is not the point. The world is more comfortable than it used to be, more literate; but if every one on earth owned a college diploma, would that mean the world was growing better by that much? A preacher would be inclined to take his church as a point of reference. If he has taken in lots of new members, that's a sign the world is growing better fast. But no, a church could be taking in members by the pewful, and still actually be blocking the way to a better world.

The point of reference here suggested is this proposition, **Jesus is Lord,** meant sincerely, and lived-by seriously The world is growing better in so far as, and as fast as, the Lordship of Christ (which is always total by right) becomes total in fact Is the world coming anywhere to recognize him as Lord of life? If the answer anywhere is Yes, more so than ever, then the world at that point is growing better; if the answer is No, there the world is growing worse. Every man can well begin the questioning with himself; for each person is the one part of the world for which—be it better or worse—he alone will be called to account.

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THIS WEEK
—In Washington
With Clinton Davidson

ARE TAXES HIGH

Congressmen returning to Washington this week for opening of the 86th Congress face a grim warning that all thought of a general tax reduction in 1959 must now be abandoned.

President Eisenhower, it now seems certain, will send to Congress a Federal budget calling for somewhere between three and five billion dollars more than presently estimated revenues for fiscal 1960.

That will put the burden on Democratic-controlled Congress to (1) slice the budget, (2) approve an increase in the federal debt, or (3) find ways of increasing tax revenues

There is very little in prospect either in the international or national situation to encourage expectation that Federal spending will be substantially reduced anytime soon Despite all the economy talk Congress isn't likely to cut Federal spending appreciably.

Tax Revision Due

There is strong resistance in Congress and among Administration fiscal experts to a continuing increase in a Federal debt that already is nearing $290 billion Congress will be concentrating on ways to increase income from taxes

Some indication of what congressional tax experts will be considering is given by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee which has the job of developing "ways" and "means" of financing the Federal government

Rep Mills, considered by many to be the nation's top tax expert, says he will favor a revision of taxing methods rather than an across-the-board increase in present tax rates. Tax income, he thinks, can be increased with out an increase in everybody's taxes.

His thinking on taxes is worth close consideration The job of revamping the nation's Federal tax structure is long overdue It should be based, as Rep Mills points out, on ability to pay without stressing a "soak the rich approach".

Broadening the Base

One of the things that Rep. Mills will be aiming at is increased emphasis on direct rather than indirect taxes. He is against hidden taxes

"Taxes should be imposed in such a way that the taxpayer is aware of them at the time he pays them," Rep Mills said

He says he is not ready to propose a Federal sales tax, but he thinks the way should be left open for that method if it becomes necessary sometime in the future.

"A great deal of revenue could be provided," he said, 'by a broadening of the tax base, removal of some special deductions and preferences and an increase in rates on some specially favored income."

He favors a "flexible" system of taxes that would raise them during periods of national prosperity and lower them during business recessions. "The tax system would be geared to collect proportionately more taxes in good times and proportionately less in bad times," he said.

Rep. Mills' recommendations make sense and, although tax increases are never popular, they deserve the careful consideration of all congressmen.

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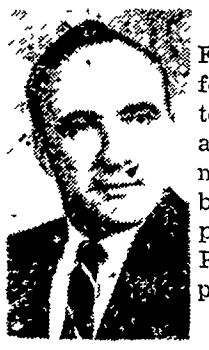

Max Smith

TO CHECK HUNTING EQUIPMENT — For many hunters the season is about over for this year The most important item is to be sure that all guns are empty and put away from small children Powder solvents may be used to clean the inside of the barrels, a coating of gun oil for all metal parts, and then store in a cool, dry place. Proper care will double the life of this important equipment.

TO REDUCE BARN ODORS — During the winter months many dairy barns become stuffy and loaded with foul, moist air, this means some difficulty in producing odor-free milk and in providing comfort for the milking herd. The use of the electric fan exhaust system is very important and practical in nearly all barns. This removes air gradually and improves the conditions Also, the use of barn snow, ground limestone, or super-phosphate on the floors and gutters of the barn will improve the appearance as well as sanitary conditions.

TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE EXERCISE FOR CATTLE—The feeding of steers is more successful when the animals have a chance to get outside daily; if given the chance, they will spend more time out than in—even in very cold weather. This means they are more comfortable outside and will do better for their owner. The practice of housing steers in a tight, poorly-ventilated barn during the winter months is to be discouraged.

TO UTILIZE SMALL POTATOES—Livestock producers may use small potatoes in feeding steers, hogs and dairy cattle When normal market demands are weak livestock will make use of this crop Normally it requires about four pounds of potatoes to equal the feeding value of one pound of corn. Caution should be used in starting slowly to prevent digestive troubles. For hogs it is strongly recommended that the potatoes be cooked and the water discarded rather than fed

★ Feed Market

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★ State Crop

hatchery flocks by leading primary breeders of broiler replacement stock totaled 2, 141,000 chicks during November. This was 11 per cent more than in November of 1957.

Pullet chick placements by these breeders during the first eleven months of 1958 totaled 30,812,000 — 30 per cent more than during the same period of 1957

Placement of broiler chicks in Penna at 911,000 decreased four per cent from the previous week but were 21 per cent above the corresponding week last year

Outshipments during the week were 280,000 Inshipments were 181,000 The indicated number of Penna broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 861,000 compared to 699,000 at the same time last year Eggs set for broiler chick production totaled 1,426,000, two per cent below the previous week Hatchings for Dec 20 to Jan 10 will be about two per cent above last year

22 State Report

Trend continued upward for eighth consecutive week, totaling 30,121,000. Two per cent above the previous week and 17 per cent above the same week last year

Indicated number for market 10 weeks from now is 28 million, compared to 24 million last year.

The 22 state settings were two per cent below the previous week and 15 per cent above the corresponding week last year. Total U S hatchings for Dec 20 to Jan 10 will be about 17 percent greater than last year

Broiler - Feed Ratio

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio climbed for the week to 3 2 or one point above Dec 2-9, and two points above one year ago

Broilers for the week Dec 9-16 averaged 15 08 and 20 per cent broiler mash was $95 30 per ton, compared with $97 44 the previous week when broiler prices were the same — and $94 64 one year ago when broilers were $14 43.

Hickory Nuts In State-wide Contest

Harrisburg—Some squirrels found competition rough for hickory nuts this fall.

Most of the choice ones were being gathered by Pennsylvania farmers to be entered in a "Best Hickory Nut" contest sponsored by Penn State and the Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association.

Three judges this month will select the best ten from the more than 350 entries of 30-nut samples submitted by Pennsylvanians Winning hickory nuts will be on display at the 1959 Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 12 through 16, at the State Farm Show Building here

George Weber, York, secretary-treasurer of the Nut Growers, said purpose of the contest is to locate seedling hickory trees which bear superior nuts and to stimulate interest in the production of good hickory nuts He added that scions will be cut from the tree that produced the winning nuts for further propogation of the desirable characteristics

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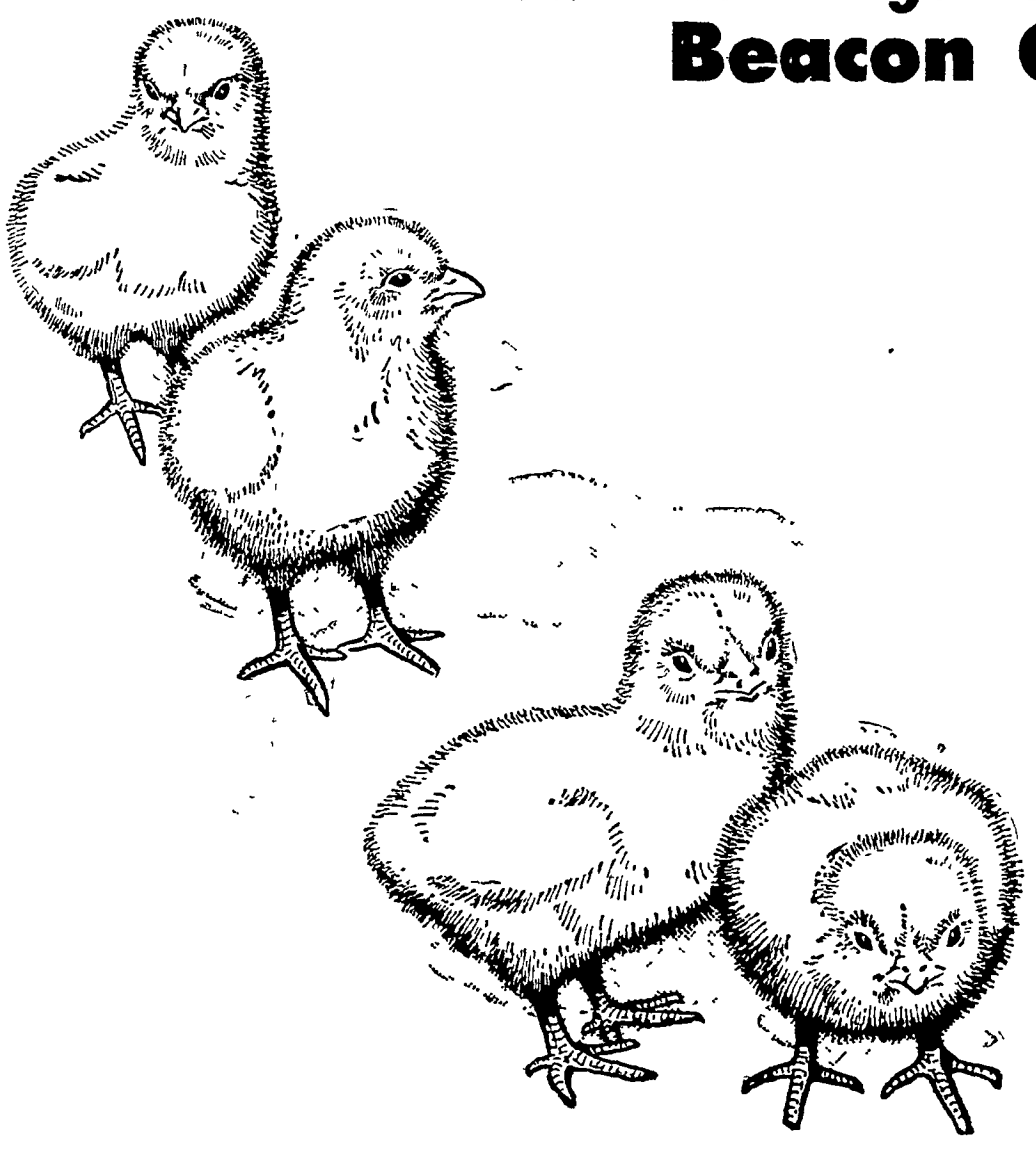

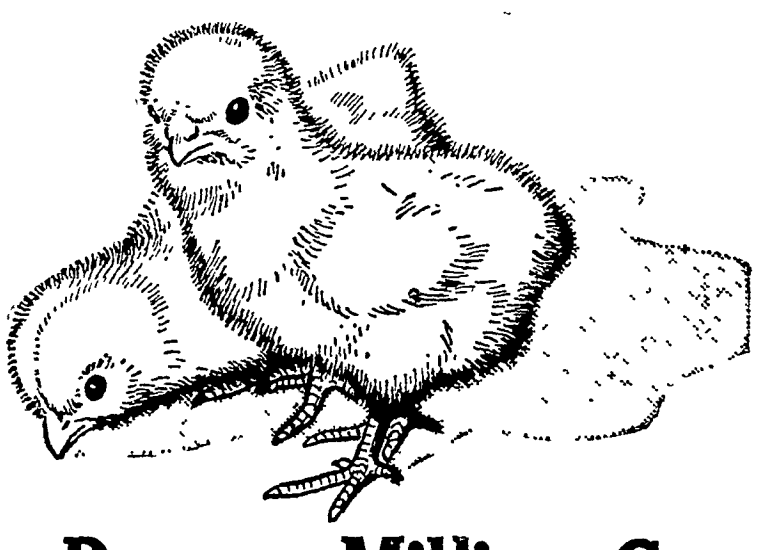

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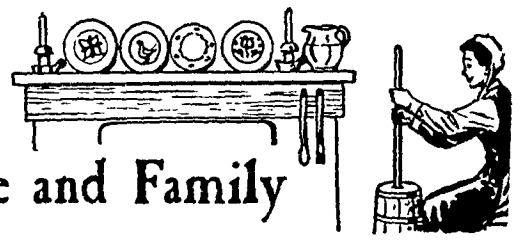

For the Farm Wife and Family

Spark Your New Year With New Main Dishes

By Mrs. Richard Spence

This season of the year always calls for extra entertaining Sometimes it's a meal with all the fancy trimmings and then again it might be a light supper. We have some suggestions here for you if you're looking for some supper main dishes.

Following is a Beef, Spaghetti and Bacon Casserole. It's a dish that you can put together early in the day, if you wish—and then keep in the refrigerator until it's time to bake it for supper. It requires no last-minute fussing.

You cantake it right from the oven to the table. With it, offer enriched rolls and a crisp tossed salad. For desert, have baked pears still warm, topped with ice cream You can bake the pears and the casserole at the same time

Beef, Spaghetti and Bacon Casserole

4 oz elbow spaghetti
3 slices bacon, finely cut
¾ cup chopped onion
¼ cup mushrooms (2-ounce can)
½ lb ground beef
1¼ cups condensed tomato soup (10½ ounce can)
½ cup warm water
½ teaspoon oregano, crumbled
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
¾ cup grated sharp cheese

Add two teaspoons salt and spaghetti to three cups boiling water Boil rapidly, stirring constantly for two minutes. Cover, remove from heat and let stand five minutes Meanwhile, fry bacon until partially cooked Add onion and mushrooms and cook about five minutes longer. Stir in ground beef and cook until browned.

Add soup, water and seasonings Rinse spaghetti with warm water and drain well. Place half of spaghetti into well greased 1½ quart casserole. Cover with half of meat sauce. Sprinkle falf of cheese over sauce. Repeat using remaining spaghetti, meat sauce and cheese. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) about 20 minutes.

Makes four servings.

Here's an idea for that left-over turkey —

Meltaway Casserole

4 oz elbow macaroni
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup finely chppped onion
¼ cup enriched flour
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon thyme, crumbled
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 cups milk
1½ cups chopped cooked turkey (or chicken)
4 slices American cheese (4 unces)
Buttered bread crumbs

Add two teaspoons salt and macaroni to three cups boiling water. Boil rapidly, stirring constantly, for two minutes. Cover, remive from heat and let stand fiive minutes Meanwhile, melt butter or margarine in saucepan Add onion and cook over low heat three to five minutes.

Stir in flour, salt, thyme and pepper. Add milk gradually and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Rinse macaroni with warm water and drain well Arrange half of macaroni in bottom of lightly greased 2-quart casserole.

Put half the turkey over macaroni. Arrange cheese slices over turkey. Repeaot layering once. Pour sauce over layered mixture. Mix crumbs and parsley. Sprinkle over top of casserole Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 25 minutes. Makes four servings

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Pork sausage appears to be outgrowing breakfast menus Look at this receipe where it is used in a noodle casserole, along with cheese, onion, and a sauce made from celery soup. A dish that's easy to put together, it will rate as high in flavor and satisfaction as any that takes hours in preparation.

Sausage Noodle Casserole

4 oz. medium or broad noodles
1 lb pork sausage meat
¼ cup chopped onion
1¼ cups condensed cream of celery soup (10½ ounce can)
1 cup warm water
1 cup grated sharp cheese (4 ounces)
½ cup crushen potato chips

Cook noonles, Meanwhile, brown sausage. Add onion to sausage and cook a few minutes longer. Combine soup and water in saucepan. Heat stirring until smooth, Remov from heat and stir in cheese. Rinse noodles with warm water and drain well. Mix noodles with soup mixture and sausage, Turn into greased 1½ quart casserole and top with potato chips Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) for 25 minutes Makes four servings.

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Is tuna a favorite in your house? Here's an easy Tuna Loaf.

Tuna Luncheon Lo af

4 oz. medium or broad noodles
1¼ cups condensed cream of celery soup (10½ ounce can)
½ cup warm water
2 eggs, beaten
⅓ cup finely chopped onion
½ cup enriched bread crumbs
½ cup chopped ripe olives
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 cup drained flaked tuna (7-oz. can)

Cook noodles. Combine soup and water. Blend into beaten eggs Then addonion, bread crumbs ,olives salt, pep per and tuna Rinse noodles with warm water and drain well. Add noodles to tuna mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into well-greased loaf pan, 4½x8½ inhes. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 35 to 40 minutes To serve, unmold loaf on heated serving patter. Four servings.

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The kinds of sauce to serve with spaghetti are seeming ly countless. In fact, it's difficlit to think of many sauces that aren't good with spaghetti. Perhaps that's why Italians can eat spaghetti every day of the year, sometimes twice a day, and never tire of it They have such a variety of sauces to serve with it.

The character of the spaghetti varies with the kind of sauce that goes on it, because spaghetti is mild in flavor and submerges its personality to that of the food served with it.

Here's on easy sauce you can make from tomato soup. It uses veal steak in an interesting and good-tasting way.

Spaghetti With Savory Veal Steak

2 lbs. boneless veal steak, cut 1 inch thick
¼ cup enrihed flour
¼ tsp. salt
Dash pepper
¼ cup shortening
½ cup finely chopped onion
2 cups cooked tomatoes (1 pound can)
1¼ cups condensed tomato soup (10½-ounce can)
1¼ cup warm water
1 tsp salt
⅛ tsp pepper
8 oz. long spaghetti

Cut steak into 1-inch strips. Mix flour, salt and pepper Coat meat with flour mixture Melt shortening in large, heavy skillet. Add meat and grown well on both sides Add onion, tomatoes, tomato soup, water, salt and pepper. Bring mixture to boiling, then reduce heat and allow to simmer about 1 hour.

To cook spaghetti, add 4 teaspoons salt and spaghetti to 1½ quarts boiling water. Boil rapidly, stirring constantly, for two minutes. Rinse spaghetti with hot water and drain well. Arrange spaghetti on heated plates. Arrange veal over spaghetti and pour sauce over all Makes six servings.

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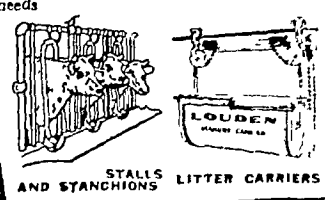

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Cranberries are among the easiest and most successful fruits for home-freezing, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says. Some of the big supplies of these berries on the markets can be frozen for making into cranberry sauce or jelly at the homemaker's convenience.

The easiest way to freeze cranberries is simply to put fresh berries in freezer bags or other containers without sweetening, then seal and freeze. Choose firm berries with glossy skins. Remove any stems and sort out soft berries. Wash and drain before packaging. Berries frozen without sugar are convenient to use in any receipe.

If berries are to be used for cranberry sauce, they may be put in rigid containers and covered with cold 50 per cent syrup made by dissolving 4 ¾ cups of sugar in four cups of water. Frozen in syrup this way, the sauce takes very little time to prepare. Cook cranberries briefly until just tender.

Frozen cranberry puree is an excellent product which may be used like fruit ice for dessert or to serve with poultry or meat. To prepare add two cups of water to each quart (one pound) of berries. Cook until skins have popped Press through food mill or strainer.

Add sugar to taste—about two cups for each quart of puree Pack into rigid containers leaving space for expansion in freezing at the top. Seal and freeze.

The puree may be served when slightly thawed Or it may be cooked for a few minutes until it gives the "jelly test", sometimes called the "two-drop test" because at this point the hot mixture forms two thick drops when poured from a large spoon.

How much space to leave at the top of the freezer container? Any liquid pack such as berries in syrup or in puree will need a half inch of headspace in pint containers. Slightly more headspace is needed for narrow-top containers. For dry pack, a half of headspace is enough for any container.

Cranberries can be used not only for the traditional sauce and jelly but also may be combined with other fruits for excellent conserve A foursome of cranberries, raisins, oranges and chopped nuts can be used successfully for a homemade conserve.

Cranberry Conserve

1 quart cranberries
2 cups water
¾ cup raisins, chopped
2 oranges
2 cups sugar
¼ cup chopped nuts.

Sort and wash cranberries, add water, and cook until tender. Press cranberries through a sieve Wash oranges and grate the peel from them. Remove white membrane and seeds, then chop oranges.

Combine sieved cranberries, raisins, chopped orange and grated peel. Cook slowly for 10 minutes Add sugar and boil rapidly, stirring constantly until thick—about 15 to 20 minutes Add the nuts and stir well. (Stirring keeps the mixture from "settling" and scortching on the bottom of the pan as it thickens)

Remove the conserve from the heat; skim and stir alternately for five minutes. Ladle into hot containers and seal immediately. Store in a cool dry place. Makes about seven 6-ounce glasses of conserve

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Society No. 5 Packs Yule Gifts

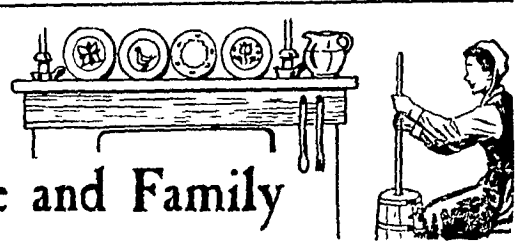
Thirty members of Farm Women Society No. 5 attended the annual Christmas Party at Penryn Fire Hall, Saturday.

Mrs. Mark Graybill was hostess.

There was an exchange of gifts and 21 baskets were packed for shut-ins and the sick.

Mrs. Jacob Martin and Mrs. Amos Mentzes were elected by the Society to represent them during the Pennsylvania Farm Womens' Society convention in Harrisburg, during the Farm Show.

For the Farm Wife and Family



Ham and Porterhouse Top Christmas Red Meat List

Ham and porterhouse steak are favorite red meat items for the holiday season, according to a survey conducted by the National Live Stock and Meat Board. A total of 3,978 people indicated their favorites for Holiday eating after studying a variety of beef, pork and lamb cuts in the Board's educational meat exhibit at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago.

Ham was well out in front as the favorite with the women, with 32 per cent of the ladies picking it as the meat they would prefer to serve or be served during the Christmas season.

Porterhouse steak was first choice of the men, garnering 24 per cent of the male votes. Ham was the second choice of the men, while Porterhouse steak was the second choice of the women —with each getting 20 per cent of the votes

Next in line with both the men and women was the beef standing rib roast. They were also in agreement on the next choice, beef top loin steak.

Among the lamb items in the display, the women expressed a preference for frenched leg of lamb, while the men placed lamb loin chops as their Number One choice.

Other meat items in the display from which the selections were made included lamb rolled loin roast, lamb English chops, Canadian style bacon, slab bacon, thick sliced bacon, beef short loin roast, beef brisket, beef rib eye steaks, and beef tenderloin steaks.

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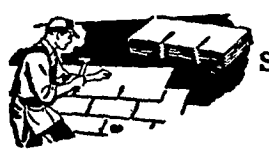

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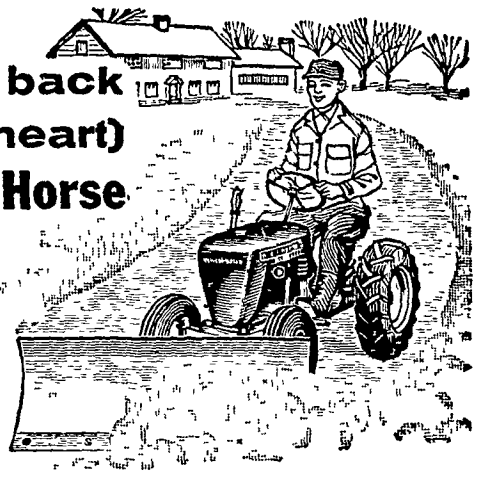

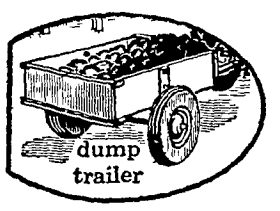

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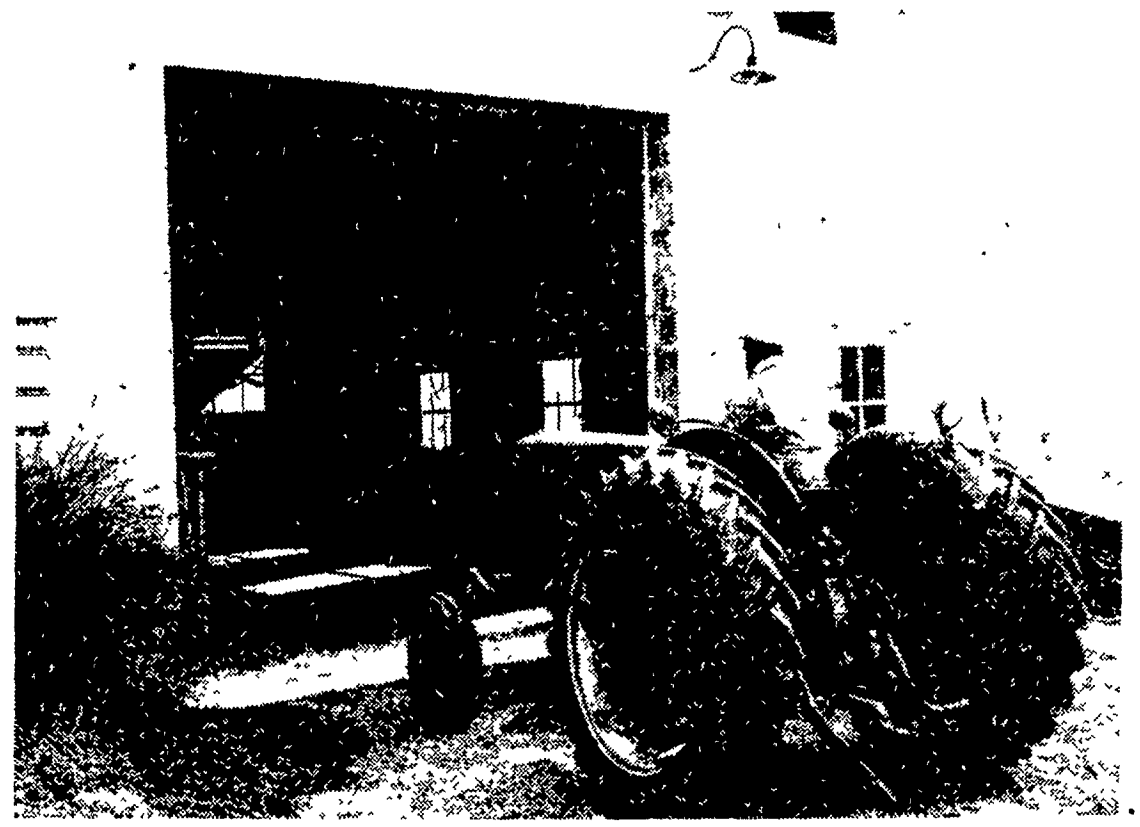

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AT UPPER LEFT, Aaron Brubaker adds some final-touches to the hoi emade silage elevator he has just completed in the shop on his farm. Above, he moves a tractor into the spacious shop through the "farm-size" doors. At right, he uses an electrically powered grind-stone to polish a pulley brace for the silage handler LF PHOTO

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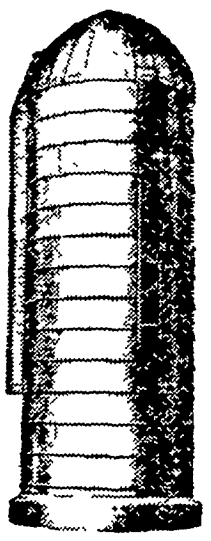

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AARON FINDS frequent uses for his arc welding unit in the busy shop. Here he is making hardware for the silage handler. He also uses an acetylene welding and cutting torch unit in repair and construction work on the farm.
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ONE OF THE handiest items in the shop is this "pegboard" tool rack Aaron has utilized the material for tool racks in several accessible locations around the shop, with custom holders for each hand tool he uses.
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Aaron J. Brubaker, 1836 Marietta Avenue, is known in the Rohrerstown community as the fellow who farms more than 200 acres bordering the borough on the southeast.

A lesser known part of his operation is one of the finest farm shops to be found anywhere. The shop is located, for convenience and efficiency, in the heart of the Brubaker farmstead in a new concrete-block addition to the farm garage.

From the new forced-air heating system and double-tube florescent light fixtures, to the extra-large overhead shop doors and large, unobstructed work area of the shop; it is a mechanic's idea of paradise. In fact, a great many "commercial" garages are less favored in facilities.

This modern shop is a direct outgrowth of Brubaker's first welding outfit purchased ". . . when I was about 18 or 19," according to this expert farm mechanic.

Today that one acetylene welding unit has grown to include both gas and arc welding rigs, metal lathe, power metal saw, two different sizes of portable electric drills, two sizes of drill presses, a wide assortment of hand tools, table saw, steam cleaner and a power grindstone.

Not to be overlooked is an air compressor with hose outlets in the garage, at a reel near the shop doors and at the work bench. This unit is compeleted by a portable air tank for the field, and a professional type spark plug cleaner.

Some folks might thing this is too much equipment for a farm shop, but Brubaker wouldn't part with one item He maintains a well-equipped farm shop does not cost, but pays.

He points out how the shop fits in his operation. He owns 175 acres and rents the neighboring farm. He feeds steers, has 10,000 layers, potatoes, tomatoes, corn and wheat in the operation

To handle this operation, he runs six tractors, five trucks, two cars and the stationary power units on such equipment as the combine. In addition to "home" jobs, the power equipment occasionally gets use on custom jobs for neighbors, if there is time.

This means there are at least one and one-half dozen internal - combustion engines on the farm. These are all repaired, tuned, adjusted or overhauled in the shop. Considering the price of a motor overhaul, Brubaker figures these jobs save much more than the cost of the shop tools.

In addition, they can be scheduled during off-season days, making full use of idled labor in winter months.

Every piece of equipment on the farm is inspected and repaired during these winter months, right in the shop. During rush seasons, if a machine breaks down, Aaron reports, "We can always get it to the shop and here we often can make repairs, right on the machine. If I had it done, we would have to dismantle the equipment and take the broken piece to town, losing time all around."

If a major overhaul is indicated during the rush season, the job may go to town, "But, that doesn't happen very often," he adds.

A prime indication of this farm mechanic's talent may be found in the shop building Wanting an unobstructed work area, convenience and speed; he decided to build the shop without center pillars

Since the building is capable of housing several large pieces of equipment at one time, this offered complications. However, Aaron solved it by designing sturdy cable-trussed, wide-span girders of regular two-inch lumber, thus saving the cost of heavy timbers and providing reliable roof support

This ability to improvise possibly stems from Brubaker's preference for working with metal, rather than wood "There's not much I can't make from metal," he says, "and it's not much more expensive."

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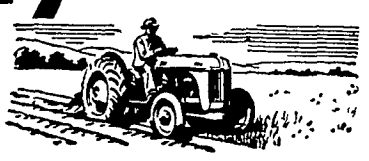

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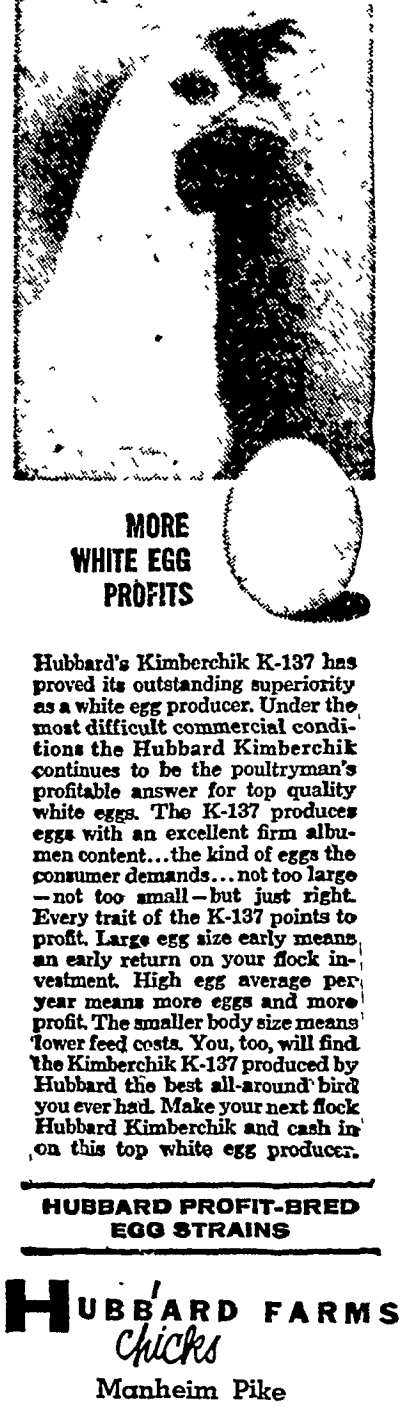

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All Soil District Officers Returned To Posts for '59

Lancaster County's Soil Conservation District completed 1958 with a total of 1,702 conservation cooperators, an increase of 98 for 1957. The 98 district-cooperator agreements signed during '58 brought 7,031 more acres of county crop land under SCD practices. With 1,248 acres in 19 new cooperators' farm, East Earl township led the local area parade for the year.

Provision of technical assistance for district cooperators by the Lancaster Soil Conservation Service office helped add a wide variety of resource conserving practices to county farms, according to Martin Muth, SCS work unit conservationist.

These included conversion of 136 acres of cropland to 129 acres of grasslands and seven acres of woods Contour and strip cultivation each crop rotations Fifty-eight farmers included 3,618 acres in conservation farm plans developed during 1958

Officers Reelected

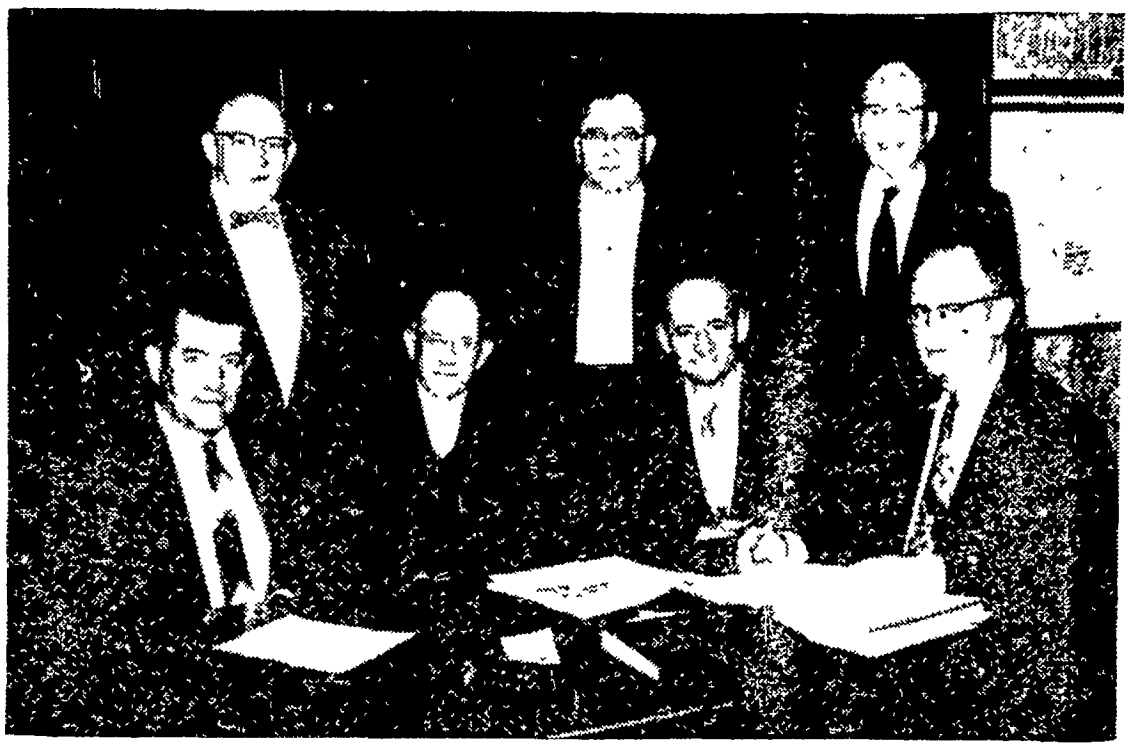
Following the annual reports and closing of 1958 business, all district officers were unanimously reelected to their posts

Amos H Funk, Millersville RD 1, was returned for his seventh term as district chairman

Wanye B Rentschler, Lampeter, who has served as secretary-treasurer for the district since its organization in 1950, and Henry Hackman, Manheim RD 2, vice-chairman since 1952, were returned to office to serve for 1959

In other business, the directors scheduled the district's annual banquet for Feb 27 in Quarryville Methodist church.

They approved three new cooperator agreements, totaling 281 acres These included Harry E Landis, Strasburg RD 1, 193 acres, Lathrop B Nelson, Lititz RD 3, 74 acres, and Harold M. Barley, Millersville RD 1, 14 acres



SHOWN FOLLOWING this week's election of 1959 officers for the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District are Seated (from left), Henry H. Hackman, district vice-chairman, Elmer Good, director; Amos H Funk, chairman, and Wayne B Rentschler, secretary-treasurer Standing (from left), Charles Pierce, county commission director, Elmer Sensenig, director, and Martin W Muth, SCS work unit conservationist

FHA Farmers In Year-End Studies

Lancaster County farmers who have previously qualified for Farmers Home Administration loans and are building their operations through the supervised use of this capital are participating in a year-end analysis with FHA supervisors, according to Richahrd W. Hoover, county FHA supervisor

Hoover reports that "FHA farmers" are finding the use of capital combined with modern methods, is increasing their income and a second look at their records aids in outlining new programs

Improved farming practices which have paid off this year include complete soil analysis and the proper application of lime and fertilizer; higher quality roughage and improved pasture, rye and sudan for spring summer and fall supplemental pasture DHIA herd improvement and artificial breeding and soil conservation measures through the help of SCS technicians

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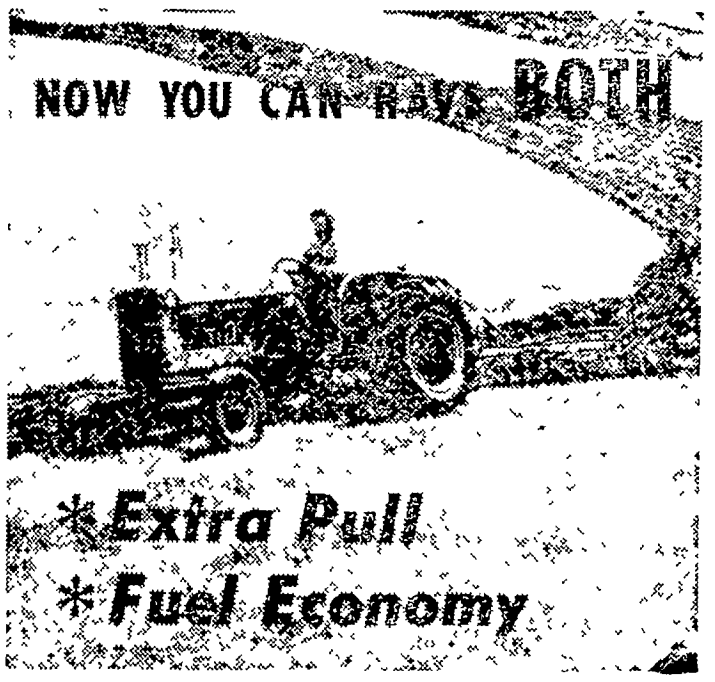

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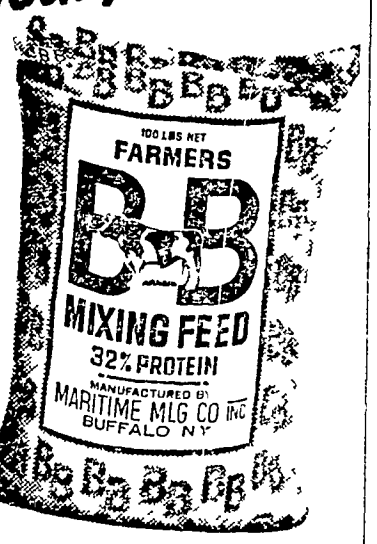

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Two Commonwealth agencies warned orchardists today that careless use of a pesticide known as "Endrin" could cause widespread killings of fish

The warning was contained in a statement issued by William Voight, Jr, executive director of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, and Secretary of Agriculture William L Henning The statement said

"Endrin is one of the most powerful of known pesticides Research has shown that a concentration in water as small as four parts per billion will kill fish

'This poison has been used for a number of years, and is registered for use in Pennsylvania, for killing orchard mice and other pests Manufacturer's labels urge extreme care in handling and applying this pesticide

"We are informed by competent research specialists that the killing component or compounds in Endrin do not break down and dissipate Their effects are progressive and cumulative

Therefore, unlike many other lethal-to-fish substances that disappear as a result of the normal body functions of a fish, Endrin is stable It accumulates in the fish liver and can be isolated and identified through simple laboratory tests

"Endrin is a contact poison, not something that animals must chew In view of this, users should take the utmost precautions to protect themselves After using Endrin, farmers should wash their hands and any soiled clothing thoroughly

"This is the time of year when orchardists customarily spray for mice It also is a time when it will be relatively easy for the poison to reach and pollute streams

Endrin is best applied before the ground freezes because it is less likely to result in excessive run-off

"Unless the utmost care and caution are taken, fish in large numbers could be killed Both Clean Streams Act and the Fish Code prevent polluting the waters of Pennsylvania and provide penalties for violation."

Voight said fish wardens have been alerted to the dangers of Endrin and instructed to visit personally as many orchardists as possible to advise them of the hazards

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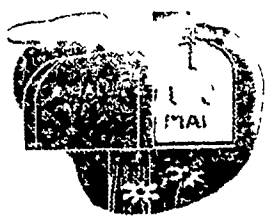

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State's '58 Crop Output Up $43-million Over '57

Harrisburg—Value of Pennsylvania's principal crops during 1958 is reported by the State Department of Agriculture at $317 million, a 16 per cent increase over the 1957 valuation of $274 million.

Nearly all of the Commonwealth's major crops, except potatoes and apples, recorded an increase in value of production, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service

Corn production was valued at $103 million and spearheaded the State's increase with a gain of $26 million over the previous year All hay output was valued at $101 million and dollarwise was the second most important crop in the Keystone State

Farm value of tobacco rose 65 per cent above the 1957 value and was the largest percentage increase registered by any of the major crops

"The increase in farm value this year is mainly the result of the record high yields of most of the major crops" the Crop Reporting Service said

Pennsylvania's 1958 corn production — 82,202,000 bu was the largest on record and 30 per cent above the 1947-56 average Yield per acre of all corn at 65 5 bus was 17 per cent above the 56 bushel record set in 1956

The Commonwealth s 1957 wheat production hit 16,920,- bushels, an increase of 18 7 per cent over the 1957 crop which was the lowest on record The average wheat yield of 30 bushels per acre also set a record

The oats yield at 43 5 bushels exceeded the previous record by one bushel, while rye at 26 bushels per acre also established a new mark

Fall potato yield at 175 hundredweight per acre was 9 per cent above the record established in 1954 While total 1958 potato output at 9,530,000 hundredweight was 27 per cent above last year, the yield was 10 per cent under the 1949-56 average

Pennsylvania s tobacco yield hit 1,700 pounds per acre and equalled the record set two years ago Hay output totaled 3 828 000 tons, 21 per cent above last year s low crop

The States 1958 peach crop—3,100,000 bushels — exceeded last year s output by 35 per cent and equalled the Commonwealth's record output The commercial apple crop at 6,400,000 bushels was 3 per cent under 1957 Grape production totaled 25 - 000 tons, 28 per cent over the light crop in 1957

Light Listings For Friday Broiler Sale

The Christmas-delayed auction at Lancaster Poultry Exchange this week was scheduled too late for coverage in this weeks issue of Lancaster Farming

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Farmers buying legume and grass seed for pasture will be interested in Penn State tests which show that simple mixtures of trefoil-canarygrass produce nearly twice the yield of pasture mixtures containing 14 different legumes and grasses.

"It is important to keep this in mind when buying pasture mixtures, since the 14-species mixtures cost more than the simple mixtures and yield less forage," says John B. Washko, agronomist at the Agricultural Experiement Station, the Pennsylvania State University.

These two mixtures, plus one containing five species, were seeded at comparative rates of 12, 20 and 35 pounds of seed per acre. Average yield for Empire birdsfoot trefoil - Reed canarygrass was 3½ tons of dry matter pe acre per year.

The five species mixture averaged slightly less than two tons and the 14-species mixture averaged a little over the two ton mark.

Each of the three mixtures yielded as described for four years, regardless of seeding rate, Dr. Washko points out. There was no advantage to seeding more than 12 pounds per acre

The trefoil - canarygrass yielded a little better at the heavier rates because of a high percentage of hard seeds that were slow to germinate in the trefoil.

Plots on which each mixture was grown were limed according to needs Fertilizer of 0-20-20 analysis was supplied each fall at the rate of 400 pounds per acre for maintenance

Each mixture washarvested three or four times per year under conditions simulating grazing

Recommended pasture mixtures and seeding rates for various conditions within the state are given in the "Agronomy Guide" available at all County Agent's offices.

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Sloat Lists Controls

Spray Now For Weeds

County farmers are reminded of the need for control of various weeds at this time of year by Harry S. Sloat, associate county agent.

Sloat reports receiving many requests for assistance and offers the following information.

For control of Upland Cress . . . which is identified by a yellow flower in spring and belongs to the mustard family . . . in young seedings of alfalfa and clover, Sloat recommends using one pint of M.C.P. in from six to ten gallons of water

Old alfalfa stands are rather sensitive to this material, so apply later, after a freeze that puts a crust on the ground, Sloat advises.

For control of Chickweed in young seedlings of alfalfa, clover, pasture, winter oats, and lawns, use one and one-half to two quarts dinitro (Sinox General, Dow Pre-emergence) in 50 or more gallons of water, apply on bright sunny days, with temperature from 50 to 60 degrees.

For Chickweed control in old stands of alfalfa, asparagus beds and strawberries, use one quart Chloral P C L. in 30 to 40 gallons of water, anytime when weather is favorable until January 15.

Sloat warns farmers to wash the sprayer, hose and nozzle with hot water to which one to two cups of detergent or soap powder has been aded, then rinse with clean water. Drain the pump, valves, hose and nozzle to prevent freezing.

M.C.P. is a 2-4-D derivative, so to clean the sprayer, you will need to use a 24-hour boiling water soak, with household ammonia or Tri-sodium phosphate, Sloat adds.

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Since integration is here, co-ops will have to work closer together in a combined effort, whether in purchasing or marketing. If farmers expect anything to be done in their interests, they'll have to do it.

Noah Kreider

We have had a very prosperous year. A year we could all appreciate with plentiful moisture to be especially thankful for.

Farming on a long-range viewpoint looks bright. The population is growing and as long as people continue to eat the farmer will have a job. The question remains: Can he survive the next few years?

Levi Brubaker

1958 was very good. Weatherwise it was almost ideal. It was good for cattle feeders and egg producers and crops in general were excellent.

1959 will probably not be as good Layers are very numerous and beef feeder cattle are costing too much.

Closer watch on details, more complete records and a careful analysis of records and better management are the main things to watch. Diligent application of proven principles with hard work will pay off.

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